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1. Sources with contacts in the Colombian General Staff have attempted to confirm a report that Peru is planning to carry out an invasion of Colombia via Ecuador. They have reported that none of the members of the General Staff gave any indication of the knowledge of such plans.
2. One Maria Arias is reported to have advised Gilberto Vieira White, Secretary General of the Communist Party of Colombia, on 10 January 1949 on her return from a Peruvian military base at Guepi\* that Peruvian troops were holding strenuous military maneuvers under the command of a parachute colonel named Guillermo Alonso. Maria Arias stated that a Peruvian lieutenant had told her that it would not be surprising if General Odria created an incident and invaded Colombia in order to gain the support of the Peruvian people for his government.
3. The Colombian Minister of Foreign Affairs is reported to be greatly perturbed by the possibility of violation by Peruvian authorities of the asylum extended to Haya de la Torre, APRA leader now taking refuge in the Colombian Embassy in Lima. It is feared that anti-APRA mobs, set in motion secretly by Peruvian authorities, may break into the Colombian Embassy and assassinate Haya.
4. From Ecuador it is reported that one of the purposes of President Galo Plaza's visit to Bogota on 17 February was to arrange a secret defense pact with Colombia against Peru.
5. Rumors persist in Ecuadoran army circles that the military government in Peru may take a belligerent attitude toward Ecuador and renew border hostilities to divert attention from its domestic problems. The Ecuadoran army is not reported to be taking defensive measures to date.

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**Comment.** No locality by the name of Guepi can be found in Peru. There is a Guepi in Colombia.

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